



## COACHES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011



Dear All,

I trust you have had a lovely Summer and are now wrapping up warm for the Winter! I want to start by having a quick review of 2011 – we are always interested in new ideas and approaches so if anyone has something they particularly want to see on the programme for next year please let me know

**28<sup>th</sup> July:**

**THE TRAINERS TABLE AT HICKSTEAD** – was a great success! Olympic rider and List 1 Judge Kirsty Mepham and International Rider Matt Frost hosted the table and gave very clear explanations of marks in reflection to the training and way of going of the horse. It was great to have this super opportunity to sit and simply watch and listen. Over 20 people attended and we have booked DAVID HUNT to host the table next year and the focus will be on the young horse Championships. This will be on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

**29<sup>th</sup> August**

**POLEWORK FOR THE DRESSAGE HORSE** – With Joal Charlesworth, unfortunately due to a lack of interest we had to cancel this event, however watch this space for a session with Olympic rider and trainer Andrew Hoy to be held at Bedgebury.

## 20<sup>th</sup> October

**Jo Winfield** FBHS hosted a very educational Continuous Personal Development Day at Mount Mascalls. The topic of the day was **FUNCTIONAL ANATOMY**. There was a good variety of "guinea pigs" all with various positional faults and when corrected the improvement in the horses way of going was clearly noticeable! Again this highlighted just how sensitive the horse is to the rider and how a good balanced, supple position is of the utmost importance.

## 21<sup>st</sup> October

**DVD EVENING** – hosted by Olympic rider and trainer Dane Rawlins and supported by List 1 Judge Mary-Anne Horn. This year the focus was on Observation of the small tour horse. It was very helpful to watch the movements and see the marks given by all of the FEI Judges. There was much healthy discussion on standardizing Judging wherever possible. Dane very clearly explained how to nurture a young horse through a PSG test to enable the horse to grow with confidence. Many thanks to Dane and Mary-Anne as again this was another great evening. We are currently trying to organize two more DVD evenings for 2012. One in April/May and another in October.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Adeline Cornelissen**, current European Champion is hosting a Master class at Bolney Park. Contact: Marie Mepham on (01444) 882150 – Tickets cost £37.50

## 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Strictly Come Dressage** at Oldencraig Equestrian Centre. With Emile Faurie hosting a Masterclass and a demonstration from the GB Gold Medal Vaulting team this is bound to be a fantastic afternoon. Tickets are selling fast – so contact **Mary-Anne Horn (01435) 866766**

## **18<sup>th</sup> November**

**The Southern Ball** at Ashdown Park Hotel and Country Club a stunning venue and will be a great evening. A golden medal winning evening to celebrate the Southern region and its successes with special awards. This event supports both the Southern Region and the Emile Faurie Foundation

Tickets cost £75.00 or each. Contact: Sarah-Jane Roth (07990) 526138

## **26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November**

**National Convention:** Venue: Hartpury. Hosted by Imke Schellekens-Bartles. Contact: British Dressage (02476) 698830

## **10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Emile Faurie** will be training at Four Elms Equestrian Centre. We will be opening this up for a select number of trainers to observe his training techniques. Contact Leanne Wall (07711) 287121. Cost £10

## **30<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30 – 12.30(ish)** Yard Visit to **Amy Stovold** – International Grand Prix Rider on World Class - invites you to visit her yard and observe her training. Venue: Exfold Manor, Lockswood Road, West Sussex. RH12 3DS Cost £5 per person. Contact: Leanne Wall (07711) 287121

Anybody wishing to take the UKCC Level 2 or UKCC Level 3 should contact Leanne Wall or Jill Day – (07768) 367223

As ever please contact me with any ideas or suggestions for future activities or training sessions you would like to see organized in the Southern Region for 2012.

Kind Regards

*Leanne Wall x*